I ENDED UP
GETTING CHOCOLATE
ON VALENTINE'S DAY

I'm trying to show you how much I care.
BUT... DOES IT MEAN...
SOMETHING LIKE THIS?!
OMG, what is it?!
EEEK!!
...HUH?
HE WENT OUT AGAIN...?
YEAH. SAID HE HAD SOMETHING TO DO.
I SEE...

NATSUSHIMA HIKARU IS NEVER HOME.
HEY PREZ! COULD YOU LOOK OVER THE PROGRAM FOR NEW STUDENTS, PLEASE?
AND WHEN IS THE NEXT MEETING?
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Natsushima Hikaru-kun, please report to the chairman's office.
AH!
HEY!
H-
SORRY, GUYS! LATER, OKAY?
SO... BASICALLY...
TALK TO HIM AT SCHOOL.
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AND I CAN'T EVEN
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PREZ! WAIT!

LUNACCHI! HAYATO BAKED A PIE, DUDE!
COME HAVE SOME WITH US!
どよ～ん
THAT CHOCOLATE WAS JUST ANOTHER SNACK TO HIM...
I knew it...
HE'S NEVER HOME...
SEEMS LIKE HE'S BEEN REALLY BUSY LATELY...
GUH!
HE'S PROB'LY JUST SICK OF YA.
OKAY, YOU CAN STOP NOW!
BEEN A WHOLE YEAR NOW.
THE WAY THINGS'VE BEEN, I RECKON HE'S LOOKIN' FOR A NEW FAKE GIRLFRIEND.

KONOMI-SAN...
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FEELS LIKE SHE'S BEEN EVEN CATTIER SINCE VALENTINE'S...
I WISH WE COULD GET ALONG...
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WHOA, SOMETHING SMELLS GOOD IN HERE.
LONG TIME NO SEE, HIKARU!
Welcome home!
Oh yeah
I GUESS I'VE BEEN COMING HOME PRETTY LATE THE PAST FEW NIGHTS.
Over here!
HEY! HEY HIKARU!
SINCE IT'S SPRING BREAK AND ALL,
WANNA SET UP SOME KINDA GROUP OUTING?
!
AN AMUSEMENT PARK!!
A group outing?!
LIKE, TO AN AMUSEMENT PARK OR SOMETHING! ☆

OH... BUT HE'LL PROBABLY SAY...
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT—!!
I BET...
.....
I SECOND THAT MOTION.
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WHAT?!?!
JAPAN DREAM LAND
Welcome to Dream Land～♪
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WOOOOW!

FOR TODAY, WE'LL BE PAIRED UP LIKE THIS.
NOW THEN!
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カシャ
MY FIRST TIME AT DREAM LAND AND EVERYONE IS HERE WITH ME!!
Clemente Surf Club
CALIFORNIA
UMM... WHAT FOR...?
HUH?
Yay, I'm with Akane!
I'm in your care!
LATELY THE VIEWS ON OUR VIDEOS HAVE BEEN TAPERING OFF, SO...
I THOUGHT WE SHOULD FILM SOME WITH THE MORE POPULAR PAIRS.
Turns out you're not very interesting.

AND IF THEY GET A LOT OF VIEWS...
STARTING NEXT SEMESTER, THESE PAIRS WILL BE PERMANENT.
WHAT?!
N-
PLENTY OF VIDEO FODDER! ☆
ZOOOO...
ガーン
HAHAHA—
HIKARU AND KONOMI MAKE A CUTE COUPLE, SO NO SURPRISE THEY'D BE POPULAR.
BUT HAYATO AND LUNACCHI WOULD BE PRETTY POPULAR TOO!
IT SURE WOULD BE THE TALK OF THE SCHOOL IF YOU GUYS BOTH STARTED DATING SOMEONE ELSE!
Talk about gossip!

FIRST THINGS FIRST, LET'S ALL RIDE THAT ROLLER COASTER! ♪
Hey Guys!
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HE'S GONNA FIRE ME...!!
I'M GONNA LOSE MY SPOT AS FAKE GIRL-FRIEND...
SOUNDS GOOD!
A FULLY-STAFFED CAMERA CREW
(thanks to the chairman's connections)
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I'M SO FIRED..!
NARUMI-SAN'S EXPRESSION DIDN'T CHANGE ONCE THE WHOLE RIDE...
SHE'S GOT NERVES OF STEEL...
HE'S GONNA FIRE ME...!

HERE.
...HUH?
THAT COASTER TOOK A LOT OUT OF YOU.
LET'S TAKE A LITTLE BREAK.
HIKARU.
SNIFF
HIS KINDNESS CUTS ME TO THE BONE...
...THANK YOU SO MUCH...
SAY "AAH".
!

THEY... THEY'RE TOO PERFECT!!
THE BODYGUARD PRINCE
TAKING SELFIES
THE PRINCESS WALKING ALONG HOLDING ONTO HIM BY HIS SLEEVE
It's so beautiful...!
HM? NARUMI?
フラ〜...
EEEK!
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HIKARU.
THESE LOOK LIKE THOSE LITTLE GUYS I USED TO LIKE.
OH YEAH! WHAT WERE THEY AGAIN?
"LITTLE MUSTACHE MEN," WAS IT?
THAT'S IT!
You had so many of 'em!
.....

Here we are!
IT'S TIME FOR A SPOT OF LUNCH!
Lovely★Pancake Meal
.....
OH.
HEY GUYS.
Teehee. I mean Ha Ha Ha
YUAN... PICK FOOD THAT MATCHES YOUR CHARACTER...
KONOMI WANTS TO TRY A "LOVELY HOT DOG," SO...
WE'RE GONNA GO BUY SOME.
OOH, GET ONE FOR ME TOO!
Pretty Please!
OH...
Got it
I'LL HELP YOU...!

WAIT!
WAIT FOR ME...!
ACK!
OH...
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THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE
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WHEN I'M NOT HIS FAKE GIRL-FRIEND.

I GUESS...
THIS IS WHERE WE TRULY STAND.
NOW THEN, TO THE NEXT CLASSIC DATE SPOT!
TWO BY TWO!
OKAY, WE'LL GO IN FIRST.
WOW
THIS PLACE IS PRETTY WELL-MADE.
I'M WORRIED ABOUT THOSE TWO!!
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LET'S HURRY, HAYATO-SAN!

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ZOMBIE___!!
WELL....
ARE YOU SCARED OF THIS KINDA STUFF?
HUH?
OH, UH...
CAN YOU PLEASE MOVE?!
We're in a hurry!
GYAAAAH!
WAAAH! STAY AWAY!!
OH! SORRY, MR. ZOMBIE!!
IT'S HER, AIN'T IT.
THAT VOICE ...

What's the point of a haunted house if you scare the monsters?
GOOD GRIEF!
WHAT THE HECK IS SHE DOING?
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……

CREAK...
OH!
...HUH?
OH, IT'S HAYATO AND LUNA!
DID YOU LOT PASS HIKARU, THEN?
The exit?
N- NO, WE NEVER SAW HIM...
SORRY WE'RE LATE!
KONOMI FELL AND TWISTED HER ANKLE!
WHAT?! IS SHE OKAY?!

I'LL TAKE HER TO THE NURSE'S STATION.
GOOD IDEA...

ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS WAIT.
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OH... RIGHT...
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WHAT'S WRONG, NARUMI-SAN?!
...I HATE MYSELF!!
BESIDES...
SHE'S PROBABLY FAKING IT.
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I'm a monster!!
KONOMI-SAN IS IN PAIN AND YET HERE I AM, JEALOUS OF HER!!!
SLAM SLAM SLAM
C- CALM DOWN, NARUMI!
HER INJURY ISN'T THAT SERIOUS.

...THAT'S A LONG TIME...
HAS BEEN FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS OR SO.
KONOMI-SAN...
I'M SURE YOU'VE ALREADY REALIZED, BUT...
Faking it?
WH...
KONOMI IS IN LOVE WITH HIKARU.
SHE'S LIKED NATSUSHIMA HIKARU...
EVER SINCE SHE WAS LITTLE...
SO SHE'S BEEN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION TODAY...
SHE'D EVEN SETTLE FOR BEING HIS FAKE GIRLFRIEND...

ARE YOU FINE WITH IT?
THE QUESTION IS...
K-channel
AND SINCE IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GETTING GOOD RATINGS...!
Comments
HIKARU WOULD PROBABLY BE FINE WITH IT.

...BUT...
GO ON, THEN.
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
YOU ARE TECHNICALLY STILL HIS GIRLFRIEND... RIGHT?
OH, HIKARU! WELCOME BACK!
...HAYATO-SAN...

She's resting at the nurse's station.
How's Konomi?
EVEN STILL...
I...
HEY...!

ARE-
AREN'T YOU GOING TO SPEND TIME...
...WITH YOUR G-GIRL-FRIEND ...?!

I WANNA...
...GO ON A DATE WITH YOU TOO!!!
Hahaha!
WHAT WAS THAT? REVERSE KABE-DON?*
*T/N: KABE-DON (LIT. "POUNDING THE WALL") IS A COMMON TROPE, BUT TYPICALLY DONE BY GUYS TO GIRLS
NO, YOU'RE RIGHT.
I'M SORRY I HAVEN'T SPENT ANY TIME WITH YOU.
Don't laugh at me.

SO...
WHERE SHOULD WE GO?
NOW... JUST ACT LIKE A COUPLE!!
ALL I COULD THINK OF WAS THE FERRIS WHEEL...
S- SO FAR SO GOOD.

YOU SHOULD SEE THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE.
W- W- WH- WH- WHAT A GREAT VIEW...
I WASN'T GONNA ASK, BUT... ARE YOU SHAKING?
UMMM... NOW WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
ARE YOU AFRAID OF HEIGHTS?
NOD NOD
SERIOUSLY?!
DON'T TELL ME...
OH YEAH, AND YOU WERE MAKING THAT FACE ON THE ROLLER COASTER, TOO...

WELL, I COULDN'T THINK OF ANYWHERE ELSE...!
And now we're at the top!
YOU... YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID WE SHOULD COME HERE!
I-IT'S OKAY.
I'M SAFE AS LONG AS I STAY STILL...
I think...
SO YEAH...
I'M TOTALLY FINE...
Sigh...

YOU'RE SO STUPID.
JUST DON'T LOOK OUTSIDE.
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.
BUT...
THIS IS JUST...
BUT...!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
CALM DOWN! YOU'RE MAKING IT SHAKE!

I CAN HEAR
OH...
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HIS HEARTBEAT...
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WHOA!
CONGRATS TO HIKARU AND LUNACCHI ON WINNING FIRST PLACE!
YOUR KABE-DON WORKED LIKE A CHARM!
Holy crap we won!
WE WERE SUPER CLOSE, THOUGH!!
A couple more votes and we woulda had it in the bag!
WAIT! KONOMI!
Is your ankle okay?
GOING HOME.
I'M...

KONOMI -SAN!
IT'S NOT SAFE TO WALK HOME BY YOURSELF.
WHAT IF YOUR ANKLE...
I'M FINE. I WAS FAKIN' THE WHOLE THING.
RECKON HAYATO OR SOMEBODY'S ALREADY TOLD YA EVERYTHIN'...
BUT YOU SAW HOW THAT POLL WAS GONNA BE.
THINGS WERE GOIN' SO GOOD AFTER I FELL, GOSH DARN IT.
...BUT...
ALL YOUR HARD WORK?
IT DON'T MATTER.

BE NUMBER ONE TO HIKARU.
YOU'LL NEVER, EVER
AND...
NEITHER WILL I.
WHAT...?
☆What did Konomi mean by that...?!
TBC

お月様にお願い♡
このセツない気持ち
届けますように――
最新コミックス③
4/6(月)発売!!
嘘き王子と
流加の恋心の加速とともに、
シェアハウス内に嵐の予感!?
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